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(Claims 3, 6, 8-10, and 17), Group IV (Claims 3, 6, 8-10 and 17), and Group V (Claim 11).

Applicant acknowledges that Claims 3, 6, 1-10 and 17 are generic.

Applicants elects Group III for further prosecution without traverse. Applicants have cancelled the nonelected claims without prejudice to their rights to pursue the subject matter of these claims in one or more continuation, continuation-in-part or divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

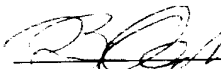
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and an early notification of such is solicited. If, upon review, the Examiner feels there are additional outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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